

Parents and Care Givers

Welcome back to another very busy week here at Taree Public School. I am so very excited to see how much all the children here are trying their absolute best to achieve great things through the use of their passports to success. This scheme is ensuring that all children are making good decisions about their behaviour and are getting the most out of their time at school.

Last week we sent some notes home about the swimming carnival and whilst the vast majority of the children brought these notes back without a problem, we do have to finalise the payment for the excursion. As you would know, we were very lucky to have use of the high school bus to transport the children to and from the pool but we also needed to pay for the entry to the pool for each child. The cost of this was subsidised by the school and we must finalise that account as soon as possible. If you are yet to pay for that excursion, could you please pay immediately or make arrangements to see me if you are experiencing financial difficulties. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

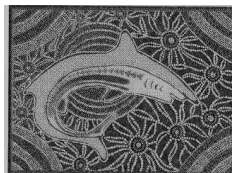
Next week a survey will come home to look at providing the school with a significant amount of funding for the next 3 years. It is vital that we get these surveys back as soon as possible. Ice-blocks will be given to all children from families who return surveys on time.

Congratulations to Zoe Morcome and Xayne Lee Bolte. These girls were successful at tryouts for regional basketball.



Peter Johnson

"Our School's a Great School"



Design: Kathleen Morcome

A reminder to all families that the school has a policy of "No Hat—No Play" so please ensure your child brings a hat everyday.

Swimming Carnival

Taree Public School's annual swimming carnival was held last week and it was told to me that it was the best swimming carnival that this schools has seen in a long while. All the children are to be commended on their enthusiastic approach to the carnival and how all efforts were cheered on. I was given a great sense of pride when I know that the children here are capable of such lovely things—well done.

NOTES

Last week some pink notes went home that required you to sign several times. If you have not already done so can you please return them as soon as possible.

Late / Early

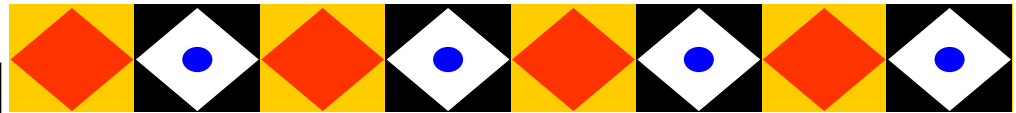
If your child arrives at school late or needs to leave early can you please go straight to the front office so they can mark the school rolls as soon as possible. It is vital that we know who is at school and who is not at all times.

Kids Health website

The Children's Hospital at Westmead's Kids Health website contains a wide range of fact sheets covering many different children's health topics, all written in easy to understand language for parents and children. The aim of the Kids Health unit is to keep kids healthy, safe and out of hospital. The unit also has a bookshop and lending library located on level 2 of the hospital. Enquiries call 9845 3585 (9am-4pm Mon to Fri). <http://kidshealth.chw.edu.au/>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Biripi people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Biripi Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginals.



DATES TO REMEMBER

6 March	Australian Rugby Union day	Martin Oval
7 March	Rugby League trials	School
5 April	Last day of school—Term 1	School

School hours: From 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. every day the school is open.

School uniform: should be worn by all children during school times unless, at a special event, other arrangements are made.

As part of the school's personal health policy, there is a "No-hat-no-play" policy at the school. All children should wear a hat as part of their school uniform.

Visits to the school: parents and care-givers are welcome at the school at any time during normal school hours. It is advisable to make an appointment if you wish to talk to a specific staff member as the school day is a very busy time for everyone at the school.

Children's Travel: if normal travel arrangements to or from the school are to be changed in any way please let us know by at least 2.30 p.m., preferably in writing.

Student Attendance: all children should be at school every day the school is open. If your child is absent please forward an explanatory note to the school.

Student Assistance

A limited amount of funds are available at the school to assist **any** family who may be experiencing difficulties in paying for school related expenses. An application form is available at the office if you wish to access this service.

Head Lice

These little critters frequently visit schools. Please be vigilant and check your child's hair thoroughly. If there are any lice or eggs present please treat with lice solution from the chemist. There is a wide selection available. All eggs need to be removed to prevent infestation.



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